

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting – October 10, 2022 @ 6:30 PM  
Rimrock Community Center

**Present:** Justin Mayes, President (2024); John Kolasa, Vice-President (2024); Craig Fischer, Treas. (2023); Jane Russell, Secretary (2022), Steve Vadney Director (2025), Scott Licht-Manager/Water Operator, Larry Deibert, transcriber

Justin called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Dwight Johnson; Garrett Moss

**Operator/Manager's Report:** September 2022 10-5-22

8-31-22 There is a possible leak. Use went from 56,630 gallons per day to 76,891 gallons per day

9-1-22 New filters, 12 days, 583,400 gallons

Started looking for the leak. Started back washing 6 times per day. The dates I have listed are approximate. I was too busy looking for the leak to keep up with the documentation.

9-2-22 I canceled my trip to Brandon to see my 93-year old mother.

9-4-22 Electrician Mike Berry came out and worked on the pumps. He got new pump #1 running but could not get more than one pump at a time to run.

9-5-22 Rural water came out and we started looking for the leak.

9-6-22 Mike Berry came out and rewired our pumps so we could run 2 pumps at the same time.

9-6-22 New filters, 5 days, 548,322 gallons

9-7-22 This is the 1<sup>st</sup> full day of running 2 pumps. (126,606 gallons per day)

Found leak at 1<sup>st</sup> driveway west of Lindsey drive on the south side of the highway.

I call Sage Waterworks and he called for cable location.

9-9-22 At about 8:00 PM I met with the SD One Call locator. He located electric and telephone but did not locate the Midco box next to the power pole.

9-10-22 I called Sage water works and told them about the Midco Box. 811 locate did not have Midco on the locate ticket. Had to do a new locate ticket.

9-12-22 Midco said that was an abandoned box. New filters, 5 days, 701,390 gallons

9-13-22 Sage Water works is digging to find the leak. Late afternoon still have not found the main. We are getting within 6' of the 3-phase power line and the ground is saturated and the pole may be starting to lean. I call BHE Coop and they sent a truck out to stabilize the pole.

9-14-22 Leak is fixed. The leak was right at the main where the 1 ¼ "line tapped in. There was a rock right on the connection and it took 45+ years for the rock to break the line. Carter reservoir is empty and starting to fill. I started flushing mains.

9-15-22 continued flushing mains. Most customers have water but there is a lot of air in the lines.

9-16-22 Chuck Haggaman came and helped me flush hydrants. He flushed hydrants 5 or 6 times.

Chuck was a tremendous help. In late afternoon Rural Water came out with their portable well to try to get water to the 3 houses north of the highway across from Carter Drive. They found there was still a lot of air in the lines. Chuck worked with us in the rain until about 8:00 PM when we finally got water to them.

9-16-22 Farmers Supply came out and suctioned the air out of the lines of 2 houses closest to the Carter Reservoir off Lindsey Drive.

9-17-22 Chuck checked the houses north of the highway again in the morning and they still had water.

9-24-22 Dwight Changed Filters. He replaced the gasket on the #2 Harmsco filter container. 12 days, 588,977 gallons.

9-25-22 Dwight back washed and found no chlorine in the water. I came and replace the duckbill assembly. That worked for a while and Dwight installed a new duckbill valve assembly.

9-26-22 Dwight is still having trouble with the chlorine. I went down and installed a new pump tube in the Stenner chlorine pump. That seems to have fixed the problem.

9-30-22 I took 6 disinfectant byproduct samples at 9925 W Hwy 44

Dwight worked 8 days in September.

We pumped 2,115,459 gallons in September. We lost close to 1,000,000 gallons in the leak.

Scot made a comment, after searching for the leak with the SD Assoc. of Rural Water operator, that we could locate the leaks faster if we had more hydrants throughout the system. Jack Cooper also stopped Scot to express his feelings related to the water leak; he thought that his bill should be reduced since he was without water for three days.

Scot did send shut-off notices to all four members that are past due on their water bills (Adams, Cramer, Escalante & Fred Jensen) on October 3.

Dwight stated that he felt guilty not being able to be around as much in September as Scot could have used. Dwight offered to resign as assistant water operator to make the position open for someone else who could be available more days. The Board rejected Dwight's offer to resign but instead would like to see a third individual trained to work with the water system.

Garrett Moss offered to spend some time with Scot learning what an assistant water operator's responsibilities consist of. Garrett will meet with Scot in the next few days to observe backwashing, changing filters and running the system to see if he would pursue becoming certified.

Scot also explained some of the problems with the Evergreen Reservoir (total of six tanks) with the connecting line running down the center of three tanks on one side and three tanks on the other side; the area in the center is too narrow to get a mini-excavator in between. Any upgrades would become very expensive.

Scot needs an updated member list and a copy of Sage's \$5,952.23 invoice. Larry will provide.

**Over-due accounts report:** as of 10/03/22

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Over 30</u></b>	<b><u>Over 60</u></b>	<b><u>Over 90</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
Chelsi Adams	\$134.87	\$129.62	\$ 0.00	\$0	\$264.49
Steve Cramer	\$117.37	\$113.55	\$ 0.00	\$0	\$230.92
Paige Escalante	\$127.95	\$127.96	\$122.15	\$110.46	\$488.52
Fred Jensen	\$146.70	\$136.23	\$ 0.00	\$0	\$282.82
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$526.89</b>	<b>\$507.25</b>	<b>\$122.15</b>	<b>\$110.46</b>	<b>\$1,266.75</b>

**Current Invoices due** (anything over \$2,000): Sage Water Works (\$5,952.23) Craig made a motion to pay invoice; John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

Jane made a motion to approve the September treasurer's report, John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:**

September 12, 2022 minutes were reviewed. John made motion to approve the minutes, Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Brad Nash account:** consensus to let Brad's account ride for another month to see if his house sells.

**Additional Principal payment:** John made a motion to make a \$6,750 extra principal payment 11/25/22 because of the expenses associated with the leak. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree removal at Big Piney Reservoir: Justin again stated that he could cut down two trees if he had some help. The issue is tabled until the December meeting.

**New Business**

Kent Penney request for adjustment to his September water bill: Members were requested to leave water trickling for a day after the break was repaired, so the air in the lines could be pushed out. The amount of water used would have been minimal. John made a motion to deny the request; Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Request is denied since everyone is a member of the water association.

**High water use** account in September during a call for water conservation (Gene Hufford used 106,958 gallons): Gene will get a personal notice, from Justin, of the need to conserve water if/when another water break occurs.

**Misc. Business:**

None

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 PM, Monday, November 14, 2022 at the Rimrock Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Deibert, Transcriber